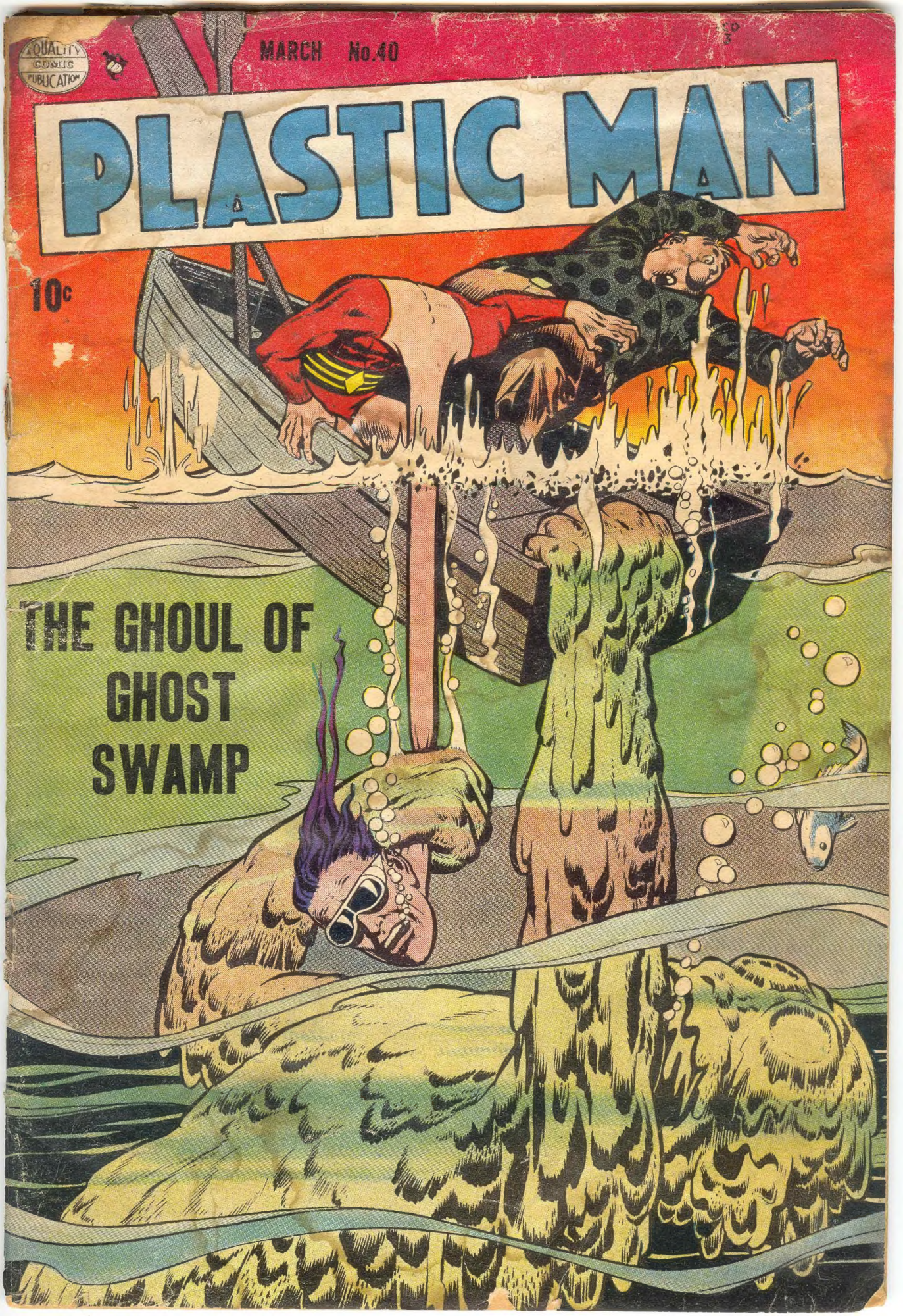
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PLASTIC MAN
AW, PLAS, THIS IS DOWNRIGHT HUMILIATING!
KEEP DANCING, WOOZY! I HAVE A FEELING THE MONSTER IS NEAR!
A SCREAMING MADMAN... A PINCH OF SAWDUST... THOSE WERE THE INGREDIENTS THAT SENT F.B.I. ACES, PLASTIC MAN AND HIS PLUMP PAL, WOOZY WINKS, PLUNGING INTO THE MOST HORRIBLE CASE OF THEIR CAREERS! COULD THEY WIN AGAINST TERRIBLE ODDS? OR WOULD THEY, TOO, MEET A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE....
MAKER OF MONSTERS!

IT IS A BLISTERING SUMMER DAY IN THE F.B.I. OFFICE...
A DAY WHEN EXCITING CASES ARE SCARCER THAN FEATHERS ON A HORSE-FLY!
YAWWWN! I'VE NEVER SEEN CRIME SO DULL! CHIEF! I WISH SOMETHING WOULD HAPPEN!
ME, TOO, PLAS! PREFERABLY A BLIZZARD! WHEEW, BUT IT'S HOT!
SUDDENLY THE LETHARGIC CALM OF THE OFFICE IS BROKEN!
WHA—?
IT'S AGENT ED SHANE! ED, WHAT'S WRONG?
F.B.I.
AGHHH! CAR... CAR... CAR...!
GET A DOCTOR! HE'S HAVING SOME KIND OF A SEIZURE!
EEAAAA! LOOK AT HIS FACE! HE'S CHANGING!
A MOMENT LATER THE HANDSOME FACE OF THE YOUNG AGENT HAS CHANGED TO THAT OF A HORRIBLE MONSTER!
KILL! KILL! KILL!
HIS NEEDLE'S STUCK AND I NEVER DID LIKE THAT TUNE! DO SOMETHING BEFORE HE BITES ME AND I GET HYDROPONICS OR SOMETHING!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, WOOZY! I'VE GOT HIM!
KILL! KILL!
THE DOCTOR'S COMING WITH A KNOCKOUT DRUG! HOLD HIM!
HE'S TURNING INTO A RAVING MANIAC, BUT I'LL BE HIS STRAIT-JACKET UNTIL HELP COMES! WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM?
SEARCH ME, PLASTIC! HE LEFT HERE TWO HOURS AGO AS SANE AND SENSIBLE AS ANYBODY! IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF DRUG HE GOT!
HE HAD A LEAD ON THAT MISSING ATOM SCIENTIST, BUT HE DIDN'T SAY WHAT IT WAS OR WHERE HE WENT!
HERE'S A CLUE, CHIEF.... A PARTICULAR KIND OF SAWDUST STUCK TO HIS SHOES! I'LL TAKE OVER FROM HERE!
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A FEW MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE DOCTORS HAVE LED THE RAVING AGENT AWAY TO A PADDED CELL...
THE MICROSCOPE CONFIRMS MY HUNCH! COME ALONG, WOOZY! WE'RE GOING TO BAIT A TRAP FOR WHOEVER TURNED ED INTO A MONSTER!
OH, NO! WHEN YOU SAY THAT, PLAS, I KNOW IT'S MY LILY-WHITE BODY YOU'RE GONNA PUT ON THE HOOK!
NO YOU DON'T, WOOZY WINKS! WHEN I DON'T NEED YOU, YOU HANG ON LIKE A BILL COLLECTOR! THIS TIME YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME!
BAWww! I DON'T WANNA BE A MONSTER! I HAVEN'T THE RIGHT TEMPERAMENT FOR IT! I'M TOO YOUNG AND LOVELY TO GO MAD!
NEVERTHELESS, I NEED YOU WHEN I INTERVIEW THIS DANCING GIRL WHO'S SUPPOSED TO TURN MEN INTO SLAVES AT ONE SMILE!
NO! NO! I'LL..... EEEOW! DANCING GIRL? SMILE?
WELL, COME ON! STOP DRAGGING YOUR FEET, PLAS! LET'S GET THIS CASE GOING WHILE IT'S STILL HOT! LET'S GET THE SHOW ON THE ROAD!
WOOZY, YOU'RE INCORRIGIBLE!
THE SAWDUST ON ED'S SHOES WAS A KIND THEY SPRINKLE AROUND CIRCUS LOTS! I KNEW ABOUT THIS CARNIVAL PLAYING OUT HERE....
WOW! SO THAT'S WHERE THIS LOVELY DANCING... ER... I MEAN, WHERE YOU FIGURE ED GOT HIS SLUG OF MONSTER JUICE, EH?
YES, WOOZY, I THINK— HELLO, SOMEBODY DROPPED A NOTEBOOK!
MAYBE IT'S GOT SOME GOOD TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN IT, PLAS!
WHAT IS IT, PLAS? IT LOOKS LIKE CHINESE WRITING TO ME!
WRONG! THESE ARE COMPLEX FORMULAS FOR STARTING AN ATOMIC CHAIN REACTION! THAT PROVES THE MISSING DR. BURKE WAS HERE RECENTLY!

YOU BOYS WANNA BUY A HOT ATOM SCIENTIST? WE CAN LEAD YUH RIGHT TO ONE WHO'S TOPS IN HIS RACKET, SEE?
LEAD ON, GENTLEMEN! IF HE'S REALLY GOOD, I'M SURE WE CAN MAKE SOME KIND OF A DEAL!
RIGHT THIS WAY!
WOW! TALK ABOUT WINDING UP A CASE QUICK, EH, PLAS?
BE CAREFUL YOU DON'T WIND UP QUICKER, WOOZY! I DON'T TRUST THESE TWO!
I DON'T SEE ANY ATOMIC SCIENTIST IN HERE!
AW, WE GOT SUMP'N EVEN BETTER THAN AN ATOMIC SCIENTIST TO SHOW YOU, PAL....
YOU'RE GONNA SEE STARS.... OOOFF!
P-PLAS, SAVE ME!
BLAST YUH... PUFF... STAND STILL... GRUNT... AND LEMME... SLUG YUH!
C'MERE YUH CHUBBY TOAD! YOU'RE GONNA GET HIT SOONER OR LATER ANYHOW! WHY DONCHA JUST RELAX AND TAKE IT?
I BEG TO DIFFER WITH YOU GENTLEMEN ON JUST WHO GETS SLUGGED!
GONG-G-G-G!
THATABOY, PLAS! THOSE GOONS CAN'T INTIMIDATE US!
AS SOON AS THEY WAKE UP WE'LL PERSUADE THEM TO REVEAL THE FIEND BEHIND THE MONSTER-MAKING! IT ALL TIES IN WITH THE MISSING SCIENTIST SOMEHOW!
THEY'RE WAKING UP NOW, PLAS!
OOOO!
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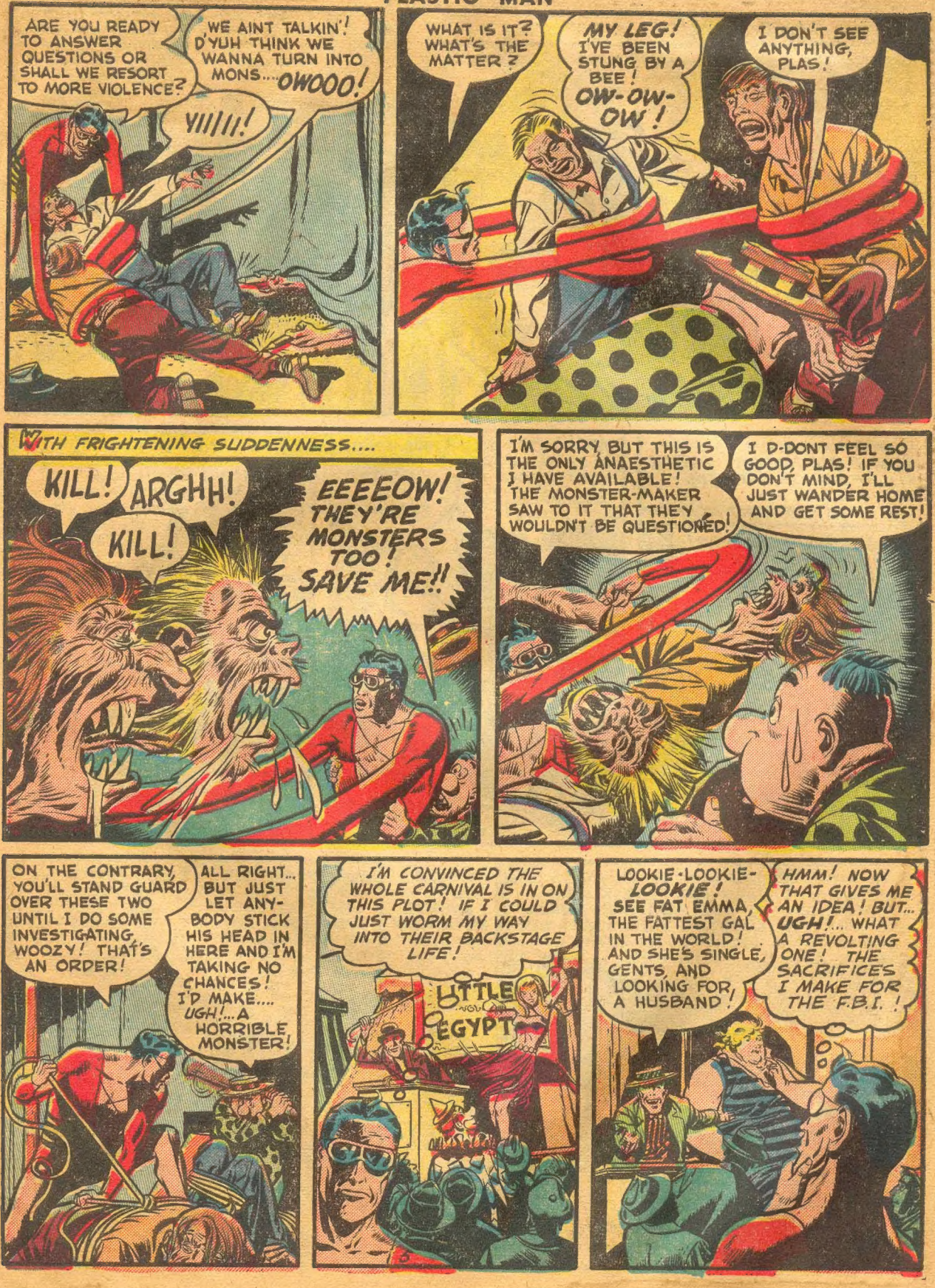
ARE YOU READY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OR SHALL WE RESORT TO MORE VIOLENCE?
WE AINT TALKIN'! D'YUH THINK WE WANNA TURN INTO MONS...OWOOO!
YIIII!
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
MY LEG! I'VE BEEN STUNG BY A BEE! OW-OW-OW!
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING, PLAS!
WITH FRIGHTENING SUDDENNESS....
KILL!
ARGHH!
KILL!
EEEEOW! THEY'RE MONSTERS TOO! SAVE ME!!
I'M SORRY, BUT THIS IS THE ONLY ANAESTHETIC I HAVE AVAILABLE! THE MONSTER-MAKER SAW TO IT THAT THEY WOULDN'T BE QUESTIONED!
I D-DONT FEEL SO GOOD, PLAS! IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'LL JUST WANDER HOME AND GET SOME REST!
ON THE CONTRARY, YOU'LL STAND GUARD OVER THESE TWO UNTIL I DO SOME INVESTIGATING, WOOZY! THAT'S AN ORDER!
ALL RIGHT... BUT JUST LET ANY-BODY STICK HIS HEAD IN HERE AND I'M TAKING NO CHANCES! I'D MAKE.... UGH!...A HORRIBLE MONSTER!
I'M CONVINCED THE WHOLE CARNIVAL IS IN ON THIS PLOT! IF I COULD JUST WORM MY WAY INTO THEIR BACKSTAGE LIFE!
LITTLE EGYPT
LOOKIE-LOOKIE-LOOKIE! SEE FAT EMMA, THE FATTEST GAL IN THE WORLD! AND SHE'S SINGLE, GENTS, AND LOOKING FOR A HUSBAND!
HMM! NOW THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! BUT... UGH!... WHAT A REVOLTING ONE! THE SACRIFICES I MAKE FOR THE F.B.I.!

FIVE MINUTES LATER...
YOU'RE HIRED, BUSTER! WHEN THE CROWD SEES FAT EMMA MAKING EYES AT YOU, THEY'LL LOVE IT! JUST DON'T GIVE IN TO HER TOO FAST! WE WANNA CASH IN ON YOUR LOVE AFFAIR!
HAVE NO...GLUG... FEAR, SIR! I'LL PLAY AS HARD TO GET AS POSSIBLE!
YOU'RE CUTE, HONEY, AND JUST MY...TEE-HEE... STYLE! GIMME A LITTLE KISS, HUH, BABY?
NOT HERE, HONEY! MEET ME AFTER THE SHOW AND WE'LL HAVE A NICE, LONG TALK!
MEANWHILE IN THE TENT BEHIND THE MIDWAY WHERE WOOZY STANDS FAITHFUL GUARD OVER HIS SLUMBERING MONSTER:
SOMEBODY'S C-C-COMING! BUT F-FEAR NOT! I SHALL SELL MY PRISTINE B-BEAUTY DEARLY!
NOW, YOU FIEND IN HUMAN FORM... AWRRRK! AND WHAT A FORM!
HELL-L-LO, HONEY! WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING?
OH...ER...JUST PRACTISING MY SETTING-UP EXERCISES! GOTTA KEEP TRIM AND YOUTHFUL, YOU KNOW!
YOU'RE CUTE! I JUST DROPPED IN TO GET A COLD DRINK! YOU WILL JOIN ME, WON'T YOU, HANDSOME?
THUMP! THUMP!
UGH, WHAT HORRIBLE CREATURES! ARE THEY YOURS?
SORT OF! I'M GUARDING THEM FOR PLASTIC MAN OF THE F.B.I.! HE'S GONNA QUESTION THEM ABOUT WHO KIDNAPPED AN ATOM SCIENTIST!
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POOR WOOZY WINKS, BETRAYED AGAIN BY THAT FATAL HUMAN EMOTION...
THE DESIRE TO SHOW OFF HIS PROWESS TO A LOVELY LADY!
MATTER OF FACT, HONEY, I'M AN F.B.I. AGENT, TOO! YOU DON'T HEAR ABOUT ME BECAUSE WE WORK UNDER COVER! BUT THE TALES I COULD TELL!
HOW PERFECTLY FASCINATING! TELL ME SOME WHILE WE'RE HAVING A COOL, REFRESHING DRINK!
REFRIGERATOR
POCO COLA

BOTTOMS UP, HONEY! IT'LL DO SOMETHING TO YOU!
GLUG! GLUG! GLUG!

GRAWWK! WHAT KIND OF DRINK WAS THAT? PHEEEW! IT TASTES AWFUL! THE BOTTLER WHO PUT THAT OUT OUGHTA LOSE HIS LICENSE!
OH, YOU'RE JUST IMAGINING IT, DEARIE!

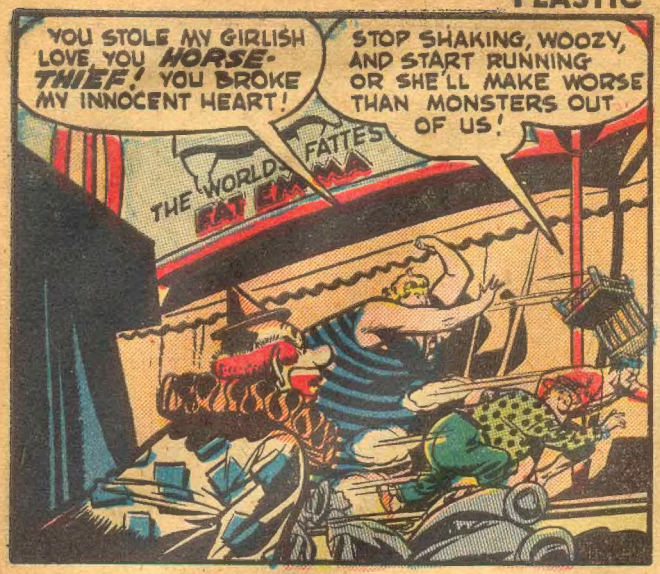
NO, I'M NOT! I'M GOING TO TAKE DOWN THE NAME AND WRITE A COMPL——
YIIIIII! MONSTER MEDICINE! I'VE BEEN TRICKED!!
MONSTER MEDICINE

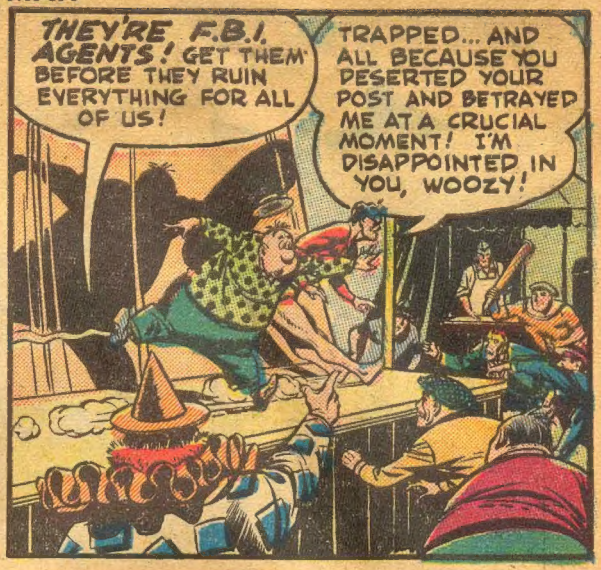
I DON'T WANNA BE A MONSTER! HELP! SAVE ME! PLAS! WHERE ARE YOU?
SWISH

AT THAT MOMENT..
I KNOW A SECRET ABOUT THE SHOW AND ABOUT MONSTERS! I WOULDN'T TELL ANYBODY BUT YOU, DARLING! WE'RE SOULMATES!
I'M A HEEL TO LEAD THIS INNOCENT CHILD ON, BUT I MUST HEAR THAT SECRET! IF I CAN GUARD MY IDENTITY A LITTLE LONGER!

BUT SUCH HOPE IS DESTINED TO BE CRUSHED!
PLAS-S-S! HALP! I'M A MONSTER! SAVE ME!
OH, THERE YOU ARE, PLASTIC MAN! YOU GOTTA DO SOMETHING FOR ME QUICK! I'M DYING!

SAVE ME, PLASTIC MAN! I'LL DO ANYTHING! THAT WOMAN MADE ME A MONSTER!
PLASTIC MAN? I'VE BEEN TRICKED!
JUST WHEN I HAD EVERY-THING UNDER CONTROL!


YOU STOLE MY GIRLISH LOVE, YOU HORSE-THIEF! YOU BROKE MY INNOCENT HEART!
STOP SHAKING, WOOZY, AND START RUNNING OR SHE'LL MAKE WORSE THAN MONSTERS OUT OF US!
THE WORLD'S FATTEST


THEY'RE F.B.I. AGENTS! GET THEM BEFORE THEY RUIN EVERYTHING FOR ALL OF US!
TRAPPED... AND ALL BECAUSE YOU DESERTED YOUR POST AND BETRAYED ME AT A CRUCIAL MOMENT! I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, WOOZY!

DON'T SAY THAT, PLAS! YOU WON'T LIKE ME WHEN I'M A MONSTER A BIT BETTER!
COME ON! WE CAN ARGUE ETHICS LATER! RIGHT NOW WE MUST ESCAPE, AND THERE'S ONLY ONE ROAD LEFT OPEN TO US!

WE'VE GOT TO GET AWAY OVER THE TENTS! OOFF! WHY DON'T YOU LOSE SOME WEIGHT?
I WILL, I PROMISE! JUST GET ME OUT OF HERE AND SAVE ME FROM A LIFE OF MONSTERHOOD!

THEY'RE GOING OVER THE BIG TOP! SPLIT UP AND TRAP THEM ON THE OTHER SIDE!
WE'LL GET THEM! THEY CAN'T RUIN OUR GLORIOUS NEW SHOW!

WHERE'D THEY GO? THEY MUSTA GONE THATAWAY! DON'T LET 'EM OUTA THE LOT OR WE'RE DONE FOR!

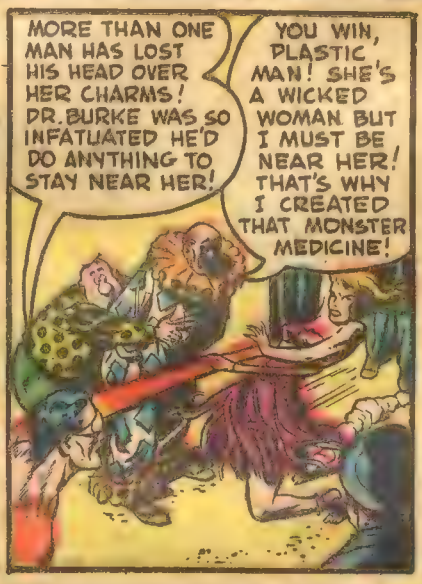
THEY'VE GONE! NOW LET'S GET AWAY BEFORE I START CHANGING! MY FACE FEELS FUNNY ALREADY!
YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO CHANGE! I THINK I'M ON THE VERGE OF SOLVING THIS CASE AND WE CAN'T LEAVE NOW! COME ON!

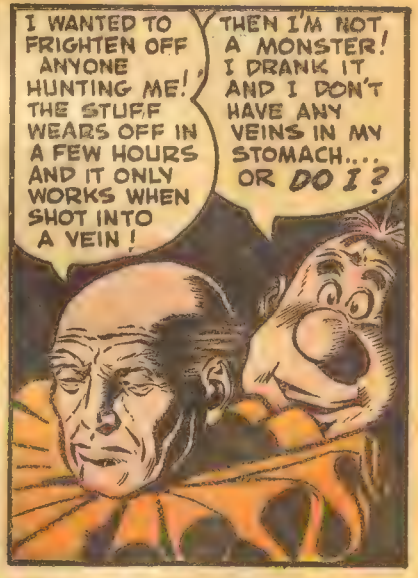
A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW THOSE TWO GOT AWAY! KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR..... HUH??
SOMEBODY'S JUST PLAIN STUPID! ANY DOPE KNOWS THAT Rx TO THE Nth POWER OVER THE DIFFERENTIAL INTEGRAL OF 6zy TIMES INFINITY COMES OUT 3,457,000,998 9/10.... NOT 3,457,000,998 9/10!
AND EVERYBODY KNOWS REKNOWNED ATOM SCIENTISTS CAN'T GO AROUND POSING AS CLOWNS AND TURNING PEOPLE INTO MONSTERS!
YIIIKE! PLASTIC MAN! IT WAS A TRICK!
I FELT SURE YOU WERE HERE IN DISGUISE, DR. BURKE, AND I KNEW NO SCIENTIST COULD RESIST CORRECTING AN ERROR IN A FORMULA!
ALL RIGHT, I CONFESS! I'M THE MISSING ATOMIC SCIENTIST, ALL RIGHT!
BUT I WON'T GO BACK! MY FRIENDS ARE COMING RIGHT NOW TO RESCUE ME!
HOLD HIM, WOOZY! THIS IS A SITUATION THAT CALLS FOR SOME DRASTIC MEASURES TO AVERT BLOODSHED!
BUT PLAS, WHAT IF I START CHANGING INTO A MONSTER TOO? IT MUST BE ABOUT TIME!
THEN FOR ONCE, YOU CAN MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL!
IF YOU CHANGE, COME ON OVER AND HELP ME FRIGHTEN THE MOB INTO SUBMISSION!
EEEEOW! NOW I WILL HAVE NIGHTMARES.... IF MONSTERS HAVE, NIGHTMARES!

YEEEEOW! HE'S TURNED INTO A MONSTER, TOO!
LOOK OUT!
I'LL TURN YOU ALL INTO MONSTERS IF YOU DON'T LAY DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND LISTEN TO ME!

WHAT DID DR. BURKE PROMISE YOU? THAT HE'D DESIGN A WHOLE ATOMIC SHOW THAT WOULD MAKE YOU ALL RICH?
YEAH! HE'S GOT NEW ATOMIC RIDES, ATOMIC SIDESHOWS..... EVERYTHING WE NEED TO BE THE BIGGEST CARNIVAL ON EARTH!

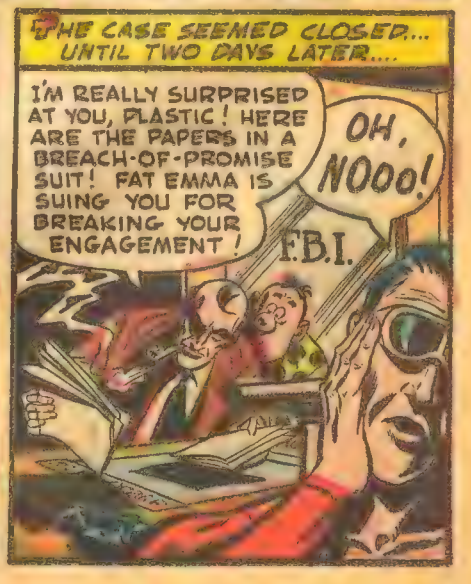
BUT WHY, PLAS? WHY SHOULD A TOP SCIENTIST RUN AWAY TO DESIGN A CIRCUS?
I'LL SHOW YOU IN JUST A MOMENT, WOOZY!
EEK! LET ME GO! HOW DARE YOU?


MORE THAN ONE MAN HAS LOST HIS HEAD OVER HER CHARMS! DR. BURKE WAS SO INFATUATED HE'D DO ANYTHING TO STAY NEAR HER!
YOU WIN, PLASTIC MAN! SHE'S A WICKED WOMAN BUT I MUST BE NEAR HER! THAT'S WHY I CREATED THAT MONSTER MEDICINE!


I WANTED TO FRIGHTEN OFF ANYONE HUNTING ME! THE STUFF WEARS OFF IN A FEW HOURS AND IT ONLY WORKS WHEN SHOT INTO A VEIN!
THEN I'M NOT A MONSTER! I DRANK IT AND I DON'T HAVE ANY VEINS IN MY STOMACH.... OR DO I?

I SHOULD GO BACK TO THE LABORATORY AT LOS ALAMOS BUT I SIMPLY CAN'T, PLASTIC MAN! I MUST STAY NEAR LITTLE EGYPT!
SORRY, DOCTOR, BUT YOU WOULDN'T LIKE THAT! I RECOGNIZE HER AS WIGGLY WANDA, A WANTED COUNTER-FEITER! SHE'LL GO TO JAIL!

YOU'D BETTER GO BACK TO WORK! YOU CAN FINISH DESIGNING THE ATOMIC CARNIVAL IN YOUR SPARE TIME!
I GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL! SOMEHOW I'LL... ♡ SIGHHH! ♡ LEARN HOW TO FORGET HER!
SIDE SHOW
RED HOTS


THE CASE SEEMED CLOSED... UNTIL TWO DAYS LATER....
I'M REALLY SURPRISED AT YOU, PLASTIC! HERE ARE THE PAPERS IN A BREACH-OF-PROMISE SUIT! FAT EMMA IS SUING YOU FOR BREAKING YOUR ENGAGEMENT!
OH, NOOO!
F.B.I.

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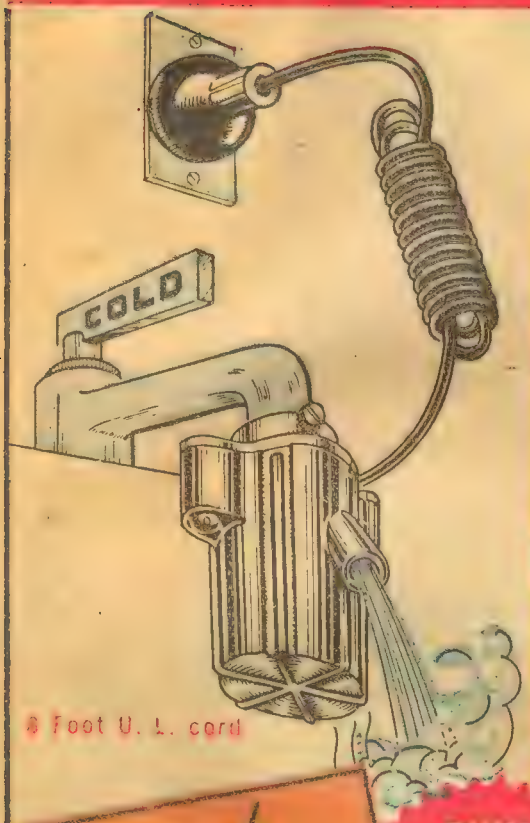

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WAAAA! NOBODY LOVES A FAT MAN!
WOOZY
OH, BOY! HERE COMES THAT CLASSY BABE, CORABELLE BANKS! I'LL ASK HER FOR A DATE!
HI, CUTIE! HOW'S ABOUT SEEING A SHOW AND SIPPING A SODA WITH ME TONIGHT, HUH?
NOT WITH YOU, WOOZY WINKS!
YOU'RE TOO FAT FOR ME!

"TOO FAT," SHE SAYS :SNIFF: CORABELLE SPURNED ME! :SOB: OH, WHAT A BLOW!
ATS
PLUNK
AWP!
SORRY, GUY! I WAS JUST NAILING UP THIS SIGN, AND —
SIGN? OH, YEAH!
SLIM 'EM + TRIM 'EM REDUCING PARLOR
WE SHRINK YOU AND YOUR BANK ACCOUNT! NO FIGURE TOO BIG FOR US!
A REDUCING PARLOR! HEY, THAT'S FOR ME!
IT IS? WELL, COME RIGHT ON UP!
OUR FIRST SUCKER ...ER... I MEAN, CUSTOMER! I KNEW THIS WOULD BE A GOOD RACKET!
NOT TO MENTION A SWEET HIDEOUT TILL THE HEAT BLOWS OVER! WE BETTER GET INTO OUR DISGUISES!
NOBODY'LL RECOGNIZE US IN THESE GET-UPS!
AND THIS FATSO THAT'S COMING UP WON'T RECOGNIZE HIMSELF WHEN HE LOOKS INTO OUR CRAZY-HOUSE MIRROR! HAH, HAH!
HELLO! I'D LIKE TO TAKE OFF SOME WEIGHT!
SLIM 'EM + TRIM 'EM REDUCING PARLOR
GREAT GUNS, I SHOULD THINK SO! BROTHER, YOU NEED IT!
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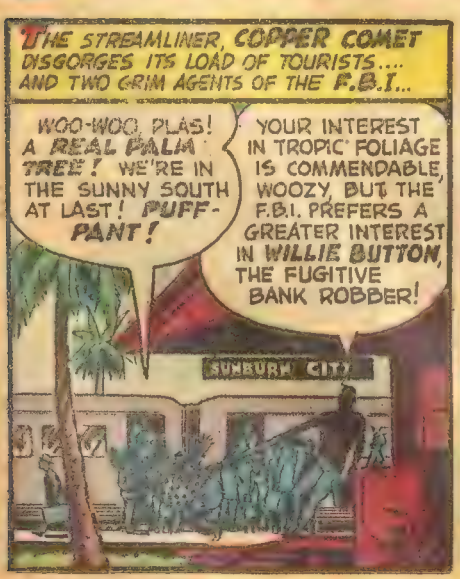
HAVE YOU LOOKED AT YOURSELF IN A MIRROR LATELY? YOU'RE AWFUL!
GOSH! NO WONDER CORABELLE WOULDN'T GO WITH ME!
UNDRESS! WE'VE GOT TO WORK ON YOU! GOT ANY DOUGH?
F-FIVE BUCKS!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
AND SO...
TWENTY MINUTES IN THE STEAM CABINET WILL REDUCE YOUR FAT!
A HARD MASSAGE KNOCKS OFF THE BULGES!
OWWW! DO YOU HAVE TO KNOCK OFF ALL THE SKIN TOO?
A COLD SHOWER WILL CONTRACT THE MUSCLES AND MAKE YOU SOLID!
BRRR! SOLID ICE!
HOT
COLD
AND THEN...
NOW LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THIS MIRROR AND SEE WHAT WE'VE DONE TO YOU!
IF I LOOK AS BAD AS I FEEL, I'M AFRAID TO SEE!
HEY! IS THIS ME? WAIT TILL CORABELLE SEES ME NOW!
THESE CRAZY MIRRORS WORK OKAY, HUH? THE SAP THINKS HE'S A SAPLING!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
WELL, CORABELLE, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ME NOW?
I STILL SAY YOU'RE TOO FAT!

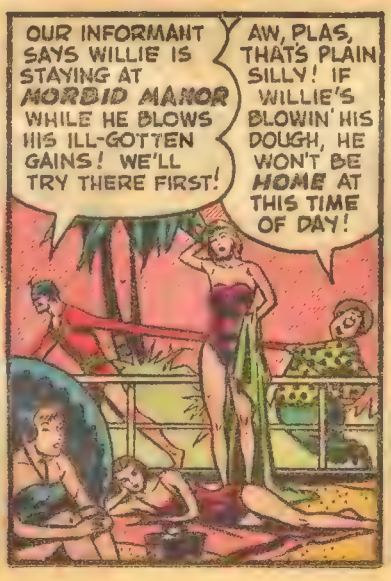
I CAN'T BE TOO FAT! I REDUCED! I —
YOU COULDN'T HAVE REDUCED! YOUR CLOTHES ARE STILL TOO TIGHT!
I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THAT! I'VE BEEN SWINDLED! I'VE BEEN FOOLED WITH CRAZY MIRRORS! I'LL GET THOSE GUYS FOR THIS!
WAIT, WOOZY!
WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S WOOZY WINKS, OFFICER! HE'S MAD ABOUT SOMETHING!
IT SURE SOUNDS LIKE IT!
BANG!
CRASH!
OWW!
HELP!
GOOD GRIEF! THESE ARE A COUPLE OF CROOKS, GAFFER DIGGS AND PUG GLUCK, WANTED FOR TAKING A HUNDRED GRAND FROM THE TENTH NATIONAL BANK! THERE'S A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD!
BOW!
FOR ME?
OH, YOU GREAT BIG, WONDERFUL HE-MAN! MY HERO! WE MUST GO OUT TONIGHT AND CELEBRATE!
BUT YOU SAID I WAS TOO FAT!
YOU'RE NOT, DARLING! YOU'RE JUST RIGHT FOR ME!
SEE? CORABELLE LIKES ME, AFTER ALL! EVEN WITH MY FAT!
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S A BIG FAT ROLL OF BILLS! SEE?

PLASTIC MAN

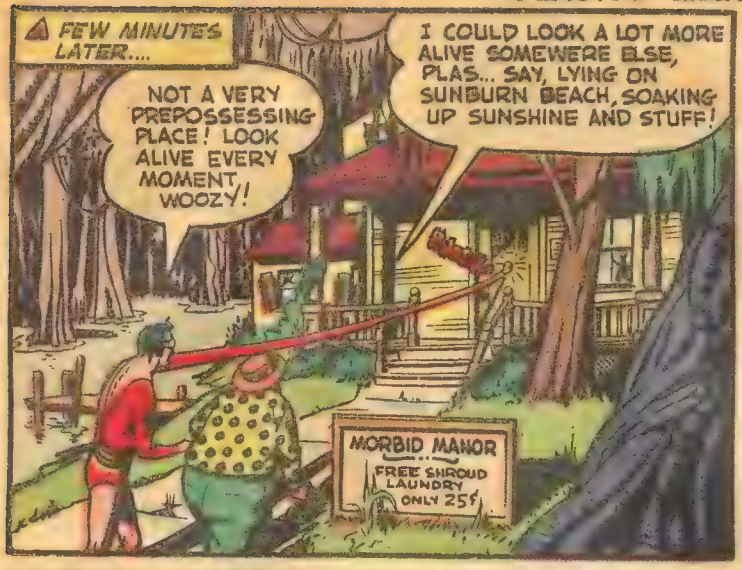
WHILE CAREFREE VACATIONISTS LINED THE SOUTHERN BEACHES, SOAKING UP SUNTANS.... PLASTIC MAN AND HIS PADDED PAL, WOOZY WINKS, FLOUNDERED IN THE PRIMEVAL OOZE OF A FETID WILDERNESS, RISKING THE PALOR OF DEATH, AS THEY FOLLOWED A TORTUOUS TRAIL OF KIDNAPPED CORPSES TO A SHOCKING SHOWDOWN WITH THE FRIGHTFUL...

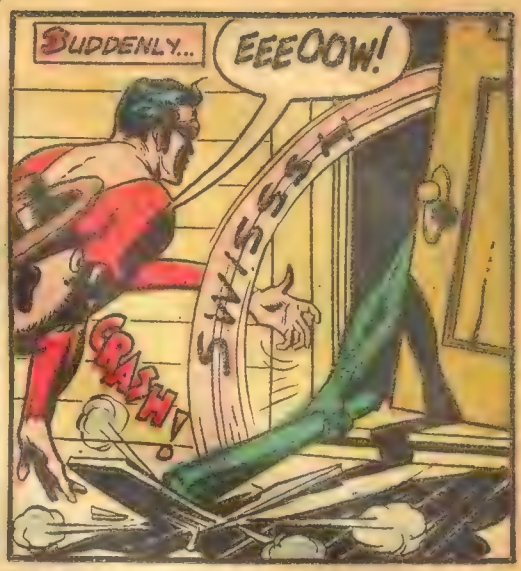
GHOUL OF GHOST SWAMP!!

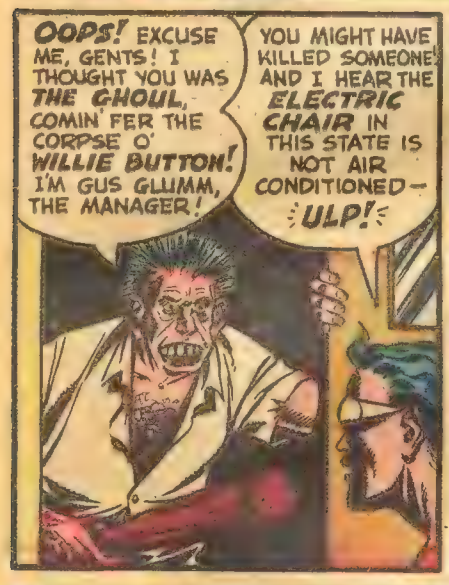

THE STREAMLINER, COPPER COMET DISGORGES ITS LOAD OF TOURISTS.... AND TWO GRIM AGENTS OF THE F.B.I...
WOO-WOO, PLAS! A REAL PALM TREE! WE'RE IN THE SUNNY SOUTH AT LAST! PUFF-PANT!
YOUR INTEREST IN TROPIC FOLIAGE IS COMMENDABLE, WOOZY, BUT THE F.B.I. PREFERS A GREATER INTEREST IN WILLIE BUTTON, THE FUGITIVE BANK ROBBER!
SUNBURN CITY

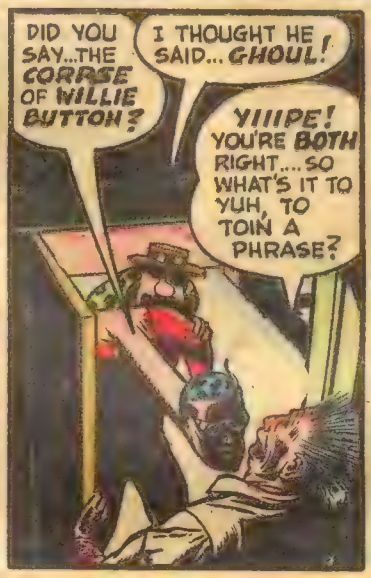

OUR INFORMANT SAYS WILLIE IS STAYING AT MORBID MANOR WHILE HE BLOWS HIS ILL-GOTTEN GAINS! WE'LL TRY THERE FIRST!
AW, PLAS, THAT'S PLAIN SILLY! IF WILLIE'S BLOWIN' HIS DOUGH, HE WON'T BE HOME AT THIS TIME OF DAY!

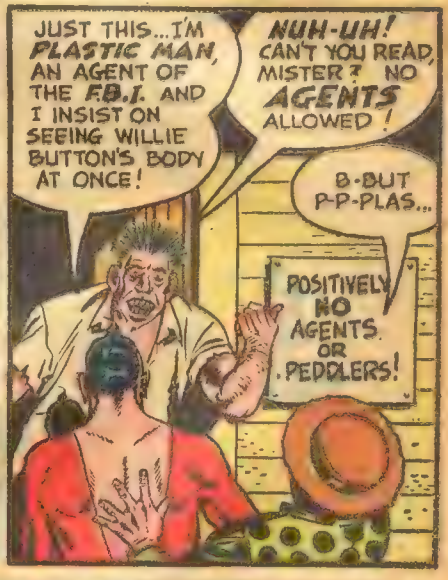
NOW, I GO FOR THE PLAN OF SEPERATING AND SEARCHING THE BEACHES!..
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU GO FOR, WOOZY, AND THERE'S NO TIME FOR IT NOW! PULL IN YOUR EYEBALLS AND PICK UP YOUR FEET!
MORBID MANOR
WALKING DISTANCE TO MORGUE AND UNDERTAKERS
LET US KILL YOU WITH KINDNESS!


A FEW MINUTES LATER....
NOT A VERY PREPOSSESSING PLACE! LOOK ALIVE EVERY MOMENT, WOOZY!
I COULD LOOK A LOT MORE ALIVE SOMEWERE ELSE, PLAS... SAY, LYING ON SUNBURN BEACH, SOAKING UP SUNSHINE AND STUFF!
MORBID MANOR
FREE SHROUD LAUNDRY ONLY 25¢

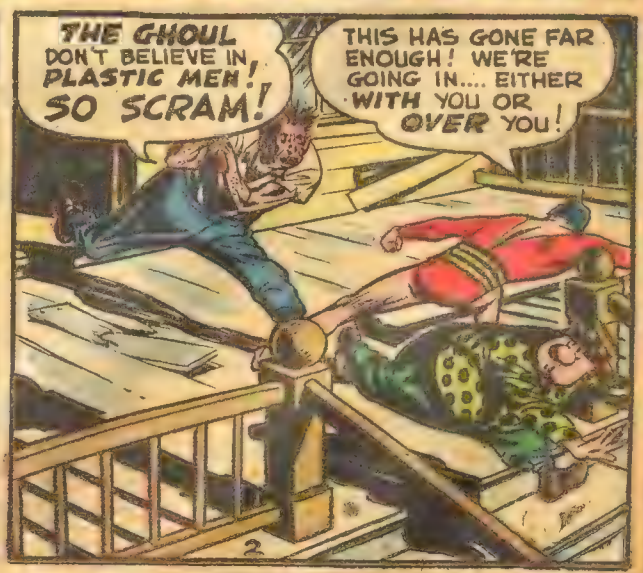

SUDDENLY...
EEEOOW!
SSSSSSH!
CRASH!


OOPS! EXCUSE ME, GENTS! I THOUGHT YOU WAS THE GHOUL, COMIN' FER THE CORPSE O' WILLIE BUTTON! I'M GUS GLUMM, THE MANAGER!
YOU MIGHT HAVE KILLED SOMEONE! AND I HEAR THE ELECTRIC CHAIR IN THIS STATE IS NOT AIR CONDITIONED— ULP!


DID YOU SAY...THE CORPSE OF WILLIE BUTTON?
I THOUGHT HE SAID... GHOUL!
YIIIPE! YOU'RE BOTH RIGHT.... SO WHAT'S IT TO YUH, TO TOIN A PHRASE?


JUST THIS...I'M PLASTIC MAN, AN AGENT OF THE F.B.I. AND I INSIST ON SEEING WILLIE BUTTON'S BODY AT ONCE!
NUH-UH! CAN'T YOU READ, MISTER? NO AGENTS ALLOWED!
B-BUT P-P-PLAS...
POSITIVELY NO AGENTS OR PEDDLERS!

DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID, P-PLAS? A G-GHOUL?
NONSENSE, WOOZY! I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOULS!
I GOT NEWS FOR YUH, PAL.....


THE GHOUL DON'T BELIEVE IN PLASTIC MEN! SO SCRAM!
THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH! WE'RE GOING IN.... EITHER WITH YOU OR OVER YOU!

YOU WANNA BET? OOOPS!
YES! I'LL PUT ONE SLUG ON THE NOSE!
POSITIVELY NO AGENTS
SOLICITORS
OR SHOULD I BUMP THE POT?
GAHHH-
WHOOOOSSHH!
CRACK!
ATTABOY, PLAS! HE'S COVERED! NOW HE'S GOTTA SHOW HIS HAND!
HE'D DO BETTER TO SHOW WILLIE BUTTON'S BODY!
OKAY, OKAY! DON'T HIT ME AGAIN!
I GOTTA PERTECK MY TENANT'S PRIVACY... EVEN IF THEY'RE DEAD! I DON'T WANT THE MANOR TO GET NO BAD REPUTATION!
OF COURSE NOT! YOU MIGHT ATTRACT LOW, WEAK CHARACTERS! NOW, WHAT WAS THE CAUSE OF WILLIE'S DEATH?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? BUT HE KICKED OFF FROM A BUM TICKER! HE CELEBRATED TOO HARD LAST NIGHT AND JUST KEELED OVER! HE'S RIGHT IN HERE!
SPLENDID! AND JUST TO SHOW WE TRUST YOU..... YOU MAY GO IN FIRST!
THERE! YOU CAN SEE FOR YOUR SEL—— EEEOW! HE'S GONE! THE GHOUL SNATCHED HIS CORPSE!
P-PLAS, THE MORE I HEAR THAT NAME, "GHOUL," THE MORE I WONDER IF WE AREN'T TRESPASSING ON THIS G-GENTLE-MAN'S P-PROPERTY!
YOU THINK I'M KIDDIN'? THERE GOES THE GHOUL WITH THE CORPSE RIGHT NOW!
YIIIKKE!
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU TWO!

P-PLAS, BE CAREFUL! THE GHOUL MIGHT TAKE YOU ALIVE!
YEH! HE SNATCHED FATSO RINK WHILE HE WAS STILL... AWRRK!
QUIET! I'M CONCENTRATING
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR ARM?
NOTHING! THOSE BENDS ARE A ROADMAP OF THE ROUTE THAT CREATURE FOLLOWED UNDER THE MUD! NOW I KNOW WHERE HE TOOK THE BODY!
YIIPE!
COME ON, WOOZY! WE'LL ORGANIZE A POSSE IN TOWN AND CLOSE IN ON HIS LAIR! MAN OR MONSTER, THE GHOUL FACES EXTERMINATION!
GRRR! WE'LL SNATCH THAT BODY-SNATCHER! WE'LL FOOL THAT GHOUL! :ULP!: WHAT AM I SAYING?
PLAS! YOUR ARM.....! YOU LOST THE ROADMAP TO THE GHOUL'S LAIR!
I NEVER HAD ONE, WOOZY! HE'D ALREADY GOTTEN OUT OF REACH BEFORE I GOT THERE! THIS WAS A BLUFF TO SCARE THAT GUS GLUMM!
IF HE IS ALLIED WITH THE GHOUL, AS I SUSPECT, HE'LL RUSH OUT TO WARN HIM AND WE'LL FOLLOW! OTHER CROOKS HAVE VANISHED FROM HERE AND GUS LET SLIP THE NAME OF ONE!
THAT'S RIGHT... FATSO RINK!
BUT PLAS, IT'S GETTING DARK! WE CAN'T TACKLE THAT SWAMP AT NIGHT!
IF GUS CAN, WE CAN! QUIET, WOOZY! HE'S UP TO SOMETHING NOW!
A SPEEDBOAT! WE MIGHT AS WELL GO BACK TO TOWN, PLAS! WE'D NEVER BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HIM NOW!
ON THE CONTRARY, HIS TAKING A BOAT MAKES OUR PROBLEM EASY! HANG ONTO MY WAIST, WOOZY....

GUS WILL BE TOO BUSY WATCHING THE COURSE AHEAD TO NOTICE US BACK HERE IN THE DARK! WE'LL HITCHHIKE TO THE HIDEOUT!
YOU'LL HAVE TO T-TELL ME WHEN WE G-GET THERE, PLAS! I'VE GOT MY EYES SH-SHUT!
P-PLAS, THAT LOG WE JUST RAN OVER HAS T-TEETH!
THAT WAS NO LOG, WOOZY! THAT WAS A GIANT ALLIGATOR! BUT DON'T WORRY.... THEIR SAVAGERY IS SOMEWHAT OVER-RATED!
ALLIGATORS SELDOM ATTACK A HUMAN UNLESS THEY GET THE SCENT OF BLOOD!
W-WELL, THEY W-WON'T SMELL M-MINE, PLAS! IT'S FROZEN SOLID!
A FEW MINUTES LATER....
DON'T SHOOT, YOU GUYS! IT'S GUS... WITH BAD NEWS!
HE HAS NO IDEA JUST HOW BAD HIS NEWS WILL BE! HANG ON, WOOZY! WE'RE GETTING OFF HERE!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, PLAS! I J-JUST SAW THE G-GHOST OF WILLIE BUTTON BY THAT F-FIRE!
THAT WAS NO GHOST, WOOZY! NEITHER WAS FATSO RINK OR APE APP! WE'VE STUMBLED ON A CROOK'S OASIS IN THIS WATERY WILDERNESS!
YOU MEAN THE GHOUL AINT A GHOUL AT ALL?
NOT A SUPERNATURAL ONE, AT LEAST! NOW BE VERY QUIET!
....AND I TELL YUH, PLASTIC MAN'S GONNA LEAD THE LAW RIGHT TO THIS SPOT! YOU GOTTA CLEAR OUT QUICK! WHERE'S THE GHOUL?
HE WENT FISHING! WE GOTTA WAIT TILL HE GETS BACK TO SHOW US ANOTHER WAY OUTA THIS SWAMP!

I'LL BE GLAD TO GET OUTA THIS CREEPY PLACE! IT'S FULLA SNAKES AND ALLIGATORS!
AND BEARS!
YEH, AND BEARS!
WHO SAID THAT?
IT WASN'T NONE OF US! I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THERE WAS BEARS HERE!
SURE! THE SWAMP'S FULLA LITTLE BLACK BEARS AND.....
YIIIY!
EEEOW! THAT AINT NO LITTLE BLACK ONE! RUN!
ARRRRR!
RUN WHERE? NOW WE GOT RED ALLIGATORS!
HEAD FOR THE SWAMP!
HA-ROOOM!
PLASTIC MAN! I'D RATHER TAKE MY CHANCES WITH THE ALLIGATOR!
I'M AFRAID THE TIME IS PAST WHEN YOU BOYS HAVE A CHOICE! YOUR NEXT MOVE WILL BE UP TO A FEDERAL JUDGE!
YOU SEEM A BIT HYSTERICAL, BOYS! HAVE A SEDATIVE!
VERY TRICKY, PLASTIC MAN! WATCHING YOUR ANTICS IS ALWAYS FASCINATING!
THE GHOUL!
EXACTLY! NOW I'LL ENJOY WATCHING YOU PLUNGE INTO THE BOTTOMLESS QUICKSAND TO SAVE YOUR FAT FRIEND! THE SUCTION IS SO TERRIBLE YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE!

A CUTE SETUP YOU ALMOST HAD HERE... A PARADISE FOR FUGITIVES IN A SUPPOSEDLY-HAUNTED SWAMP!
NEVER MIND STALLING, YOU RUBBERIZED ROVER BOY! I'M WATCHING YOUR HANDS TO BE SURE YOU DON'T TRY YOUR USUAL TRICKS!
IF YOU WANT HIM, GO AFTER HIM!
P-PLAS, TELL GWENDOLYN I DIED WITH HER NAME ON MY LIPS! AND TELL FLORENCE AND GERTRUDE AND HAZEL AND PANSY AND....EEEAAHHH!
LOOK, GHOUL... NO HANDS!
SAVED!
YIIII!
OOPS! SO SORRY!.. PLAS! HE'S JUST A LITTLE OLD GUY!
THEY SAY THERE'S NO GHOUL LIKE AN OLD GHOUL, WOOZY!
MEET DOC CUTTER... A PLASTIC SURGEON OF SORTS WHO'S LONG BEEN WANTED FOR DEFACING THE WRONG FACES!
YOU MEAN THIS GOON WAS THE GHOUL? GONNA THROW WOOZY WINKS IN A GHOUL POOL, WAS HE? LEMME LAY MY MITTS ON THE FOOL!
I'LL TALK! I FOUND THIS HIDEOUT WHEN I WAS ON THE LAM! THE BOYS WERE PAYING TEN GRAND EACH TO HIDE HERE AND GET THEIR FACES CHANGED! THEY TOOK A PILL THAT MADE 'EM SEEM TO BE DEAD!
WHERE YOU'RE ALL HEADED, YOU MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD!
PLAS, I'D...ER... APPRECIATE IT IF YOU DIDN'T MENTION ALL THOSE GIRL'S' NAMES I TOLD YOU! THEY'RE FRIGHTFULLY JEALOUS....
I WON'T, WOOZY! BUT I THINK WE'VE ALL HAD ENOUGH DECEPTION FOR THE PRESENT! I SUGGEST YOU NARROW YOUR LIST WHEN WE GET HOME!

PLASTIC MAN

TRAP TRAPPERS

THE pale moonlight fell into the deep canyon between the dark warehouses, dimly lighting the street and the strange fire hydrant that sat at the curb, red with queer stripes. Half a block down the street a fat man in a loud spotted shirt stumbled along on tiptoe.

The fire hydrant shuddered and a faint, disgusted whisper said, "That Woozy Winks! I was sure I'd shaken him off completely when I set out to run down the Trapper Trane mob. Now here he comes trying to act cautious and walking straight into their trap."

The hydrant was, of course, none other than the famous FBI agent, Plastic Man, whose amazing ability to assume the shape of almost any object made him the terror of the underworld. For long hours he had crouched on the curb, imitating a fire hydrant while he waited for the notorious Trapper Trane to show himself. Now his bumbling pal, Woozy, was about to spring the trap and spoil weeks of laborious hunting for clues and leads.

"Hsst!" Plastic Man whispered frantically. "Woozy, for the love of mike, clear out of here. Don't look around. Don't give me away. Just beat it as fast as you can."

"Huh?" Woozy barked, staring around wildly. "What was that, Plas? I didn't quite hear you." His voice echoed loudly between the dark warehouses.

Plastic Man muffled a groan of dismay. As he started to whisper again his sharp ears caught the faintest creak of an opening door somewhere nearby. His long vigil might at last be rewarded by a sight of the man he sought. But there stood Woozy. If Plastic Man tried to repeat his words, the unseen crook would surely overhear.

"Scram!" Plastic Man hissed and fell silent.

Woozy jerked his head around frantically. "Plas," he whispered in a hoarse hiss. "Where are you? Answer me, Plastic Man!"

There was a sudden rush of footsteps and a half dozen hardfaced mobsters burst from the shadows to throw themselves upon Woozy. Behind them came the thin, evil figure of Trapper Trane.

Trapper giggled. "Did you hear him yelling for his pal, Plastic Man, boys? That means he was supposed to meet that stretchable stoop down here and Plastic Man forgot to show up. Drag his bewildered pal into the hideout quick."

"Aw, what for?" one of the thugs demanded, idly kicking Woozy in the shins. "We don't want this fat slob. Let's just separate him into a few miscellaneous pieces and sort of scatter him up and down the street as a warning to Plastic Man."

"Dumbhead!" screamed Trapper, bouncing his blackjack playfully off his stooge's head. "With Winks for a hostage, we can make Plastic Man knuckle down to anything we say. Drag him inside and quit making like a mastermind. I'll do the thinking for this mob, stupid."

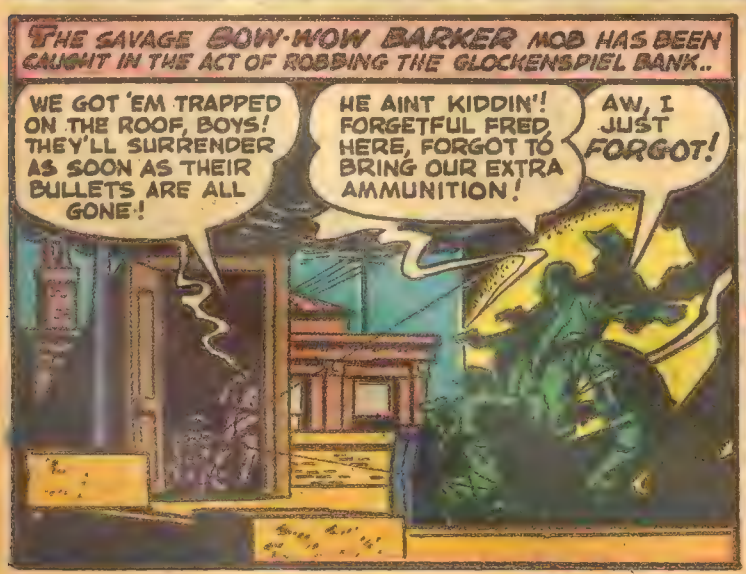
Squirming and threatening, Woozy was hustled down a dark, damp passageway to the Trapper Trane hideout, cleverly concealed inside a warehouse full of packing cases. The cases had been hollowed out to form a large, sound-proof room that had defied a dozen searches by the police as well as by Plastic Man himself.

Trapper Trane himself came last, dragging a large and heavy, striped red suitcase that he had noticed at the last moment, sitting in the shadows near Woozy Winks. It never occurred to Trapper that the suitcase had not been there before. He took it for granted Woozy had been lugging it so he brought it along.

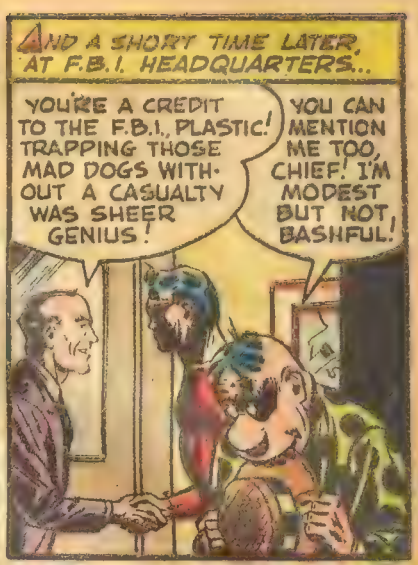
So Plastic Man, disguised as the suitcase, found himself being taken into the very heart of the secret hideout he had tried so long to penetrate. If Trapper Trane could have noticed the suitcase at that moment, he would have been surprised by a very triumphant smile on it—a matter that would have shocked him deeply. Trapper Trane had seen a great many strange things during his criminal career, but smiling suitcases were definitely not among those wonders.

Woozy, sweating and trembling, was slammed up against the wall while the mobsters cov-

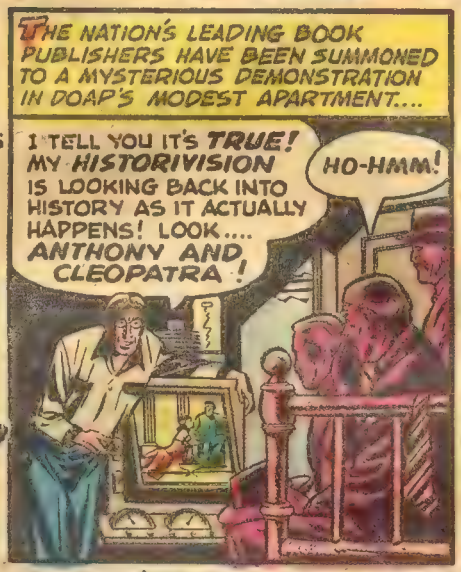
PLASTIC MAN
SIC SEMPER TYRRAN-AWRRK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S PRIVATE BOX?
THWARTING YOUR DASTARDLY SCHEME, JOHN WILKES BOOTH! DON'T WORRY, MR LINCOLN! WE'VE KNOWN OF THIS PLOT FOR OVER 75 YEARS!
WHAT MADNESS IS THIS? CAN PLASTIC MAN OF THE F.B.I. AND HIS PLUMP CHUM, WOOZY WINKS, CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY? WHO KNOWS? ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN WHEN A DISGRUNTLED WRITER SETS OUT TO AVENGE HIMSELF ON A STUNNED WORLD BY GIVING HISTORY'S BLACKEST VILLAINS A SECOND CHANCE TO ESCAPE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR CRIMES! WHAT A FANTASTIC SITUATION..... TODAY'S MIGHTY MANHUNTERS BATTLING TO SAVE THE MOULDERING VICTIMS OF...
YESTERDAY'S MURDERS!


THE SAVAGE BOW-WOW BARKER MOB HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF ROBBING THE GLOCKENSPIEL BANK..
WE GOT 'EM TRAPPED ON THE ROOF, BOYS! THEY'LL SURRENDER AS SOON AS THEIR BULLETS ARE ALL GONE!
HE AINT KIDDIN'! FORGETFUL FRED HERE, FORGOT TO BRING OUR EXTRA AMMUNITION!
AW, I JUST FORGOT!

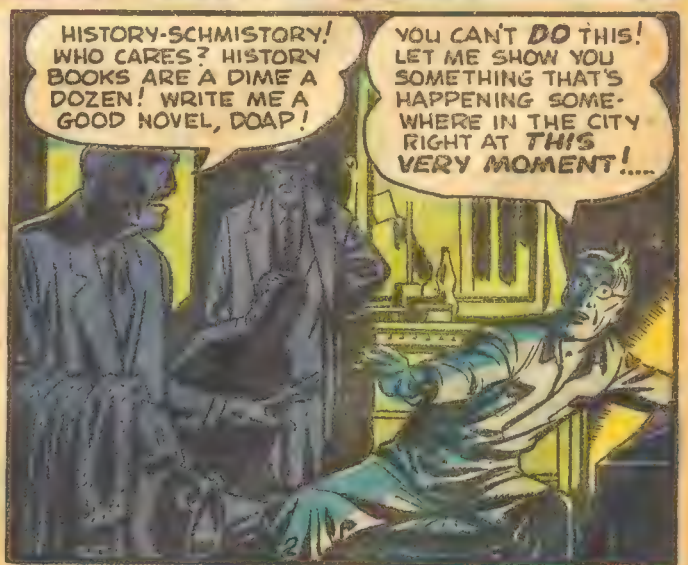
SUDDENLY....
HEY, BOW-WOW! WHERE'D THAT RED FIRE ESCAPE COME FROM?
WHO CARES AS LONG AS IT GOES DOWN! COME ON, YOU MUGS!

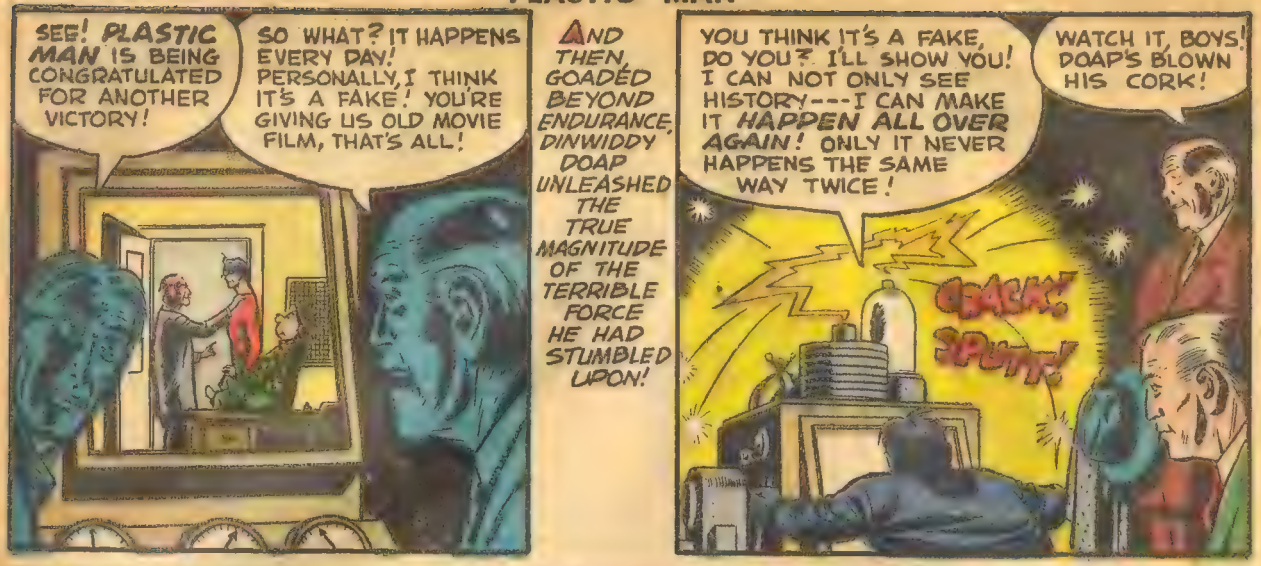

AND A SHORT TIME LATER, AT F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS...
YOU'RE A CREDIT TO THE F.B.I., PLASTIC! TRAPPING THOSE MAD DOGS WITH-OUT A CASUALTY WAS SHEER GENIUS!
YOU CAN MENTION ME TOO, CHIEF! I'M MODEST BUT NOT BASHFUL!

BUT, ALAS, HOW FLEETING IS FAME! WHO WOULD GUESS THAT ONLY TWO HOURS BEFORE, A HACK WRITER AND AMATEUR INVENTOR NAMED DINWIDDY DOAP WAS UNWITTINGLY PLANTING THE SEEDS OF PLASTIC MAN'S DOWNFALL...

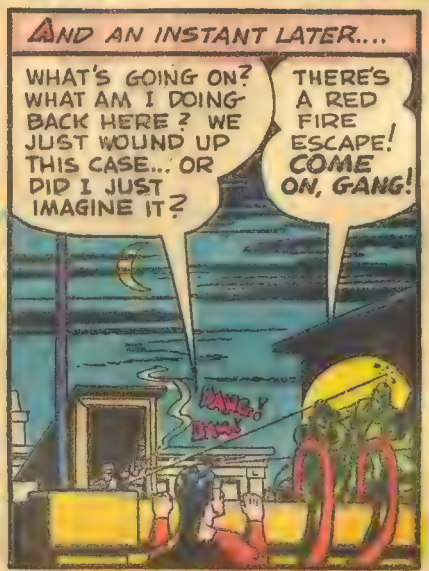

THE NATION'S LEADING BOOK PUBLISHERS HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO A MYSTERIOUS DEMONSTRATION IN DOAP'S MODEST APARTMENT....
I TELL YOU IT'S TRUE! MY HISTORIVISION IS LOOKING BACK INTO HISTORY AS IT ACTUALLY HAPPENS! LOOK.... ANTHONY AND CLEOPATRA!
HO-HMM!

I'M USING MY HISTORIVISION TO WRITE A NEW HISTORY OF THE WORLD! IT WILL BE SENSATIONAL! I CALLED YOU HERE TO BID FOR IT! YOU, RENNIT SLURP, SHALL WE SAY, ONE MILLION DOLLARS?
SHALL WE SAY NUTS AND GO HOME? I'M HUNGRY!


HISTORY-SCHMISTORY! WHO CARES? HISTORY BOOKS ARE A DIME A DOZEN! WRITE ME A GOOD NOVEL, DOAP!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS! LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING THAT'S HAPPENING SOME-WHERE IN THE CITY RIGHT AT THIS VERY MOMENT!....


SEE! PLASTIC MAN IS BEING CONGRATULATED FOR ANOTHER VICTORY!
SO WHAT? IT HAPPENS EVERY DAY! PERSONALLY, I THINK IT'S A FAKE! YOU'RE GIVING US OLD MOVIE FILM, THAT'S ALL!
AND THEN, GOADED BEYOND ENDURANCE, DINWIDDY DOAP UNLEASHED THE TRUE MAGNITUDE OF THE TERRIBLE FORCE HE HAD STUMBLED UPON!
YOU THINK IT'S A FAKE, DO YOU? I'LL SHOW YOU! I CAN NOT ONLY SEE HISTORY---I CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN ALL OVER AGAIN! ONLY IT NEVER HAPPENS THE SAME WAY TWICE!
WATCH IT, BOYS! DOAP'S BLOWN HIS CORK!
CRACK! SPUTT!

THUS IT CAME ABOUT THAT, AS PLASTIC MAN AND WOOZY LEFT THE F.B.I. OFFICE...
WOOZY, I WISH YOU WOULDN'T PUSH YOURSELF FORWARD SO... WHAT?
AW, PLAS, I..... EEEOOW!
POP

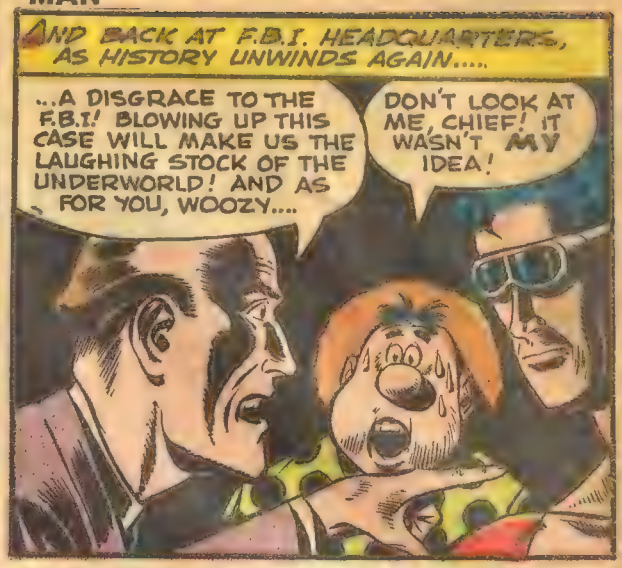

AND AN INSTANT LATER....
WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT AM I DOING BACK HERE? WE JUST WOUND UP THIS CASE... OR DID I JUST IMAGINE IT?
THERE'S A RED FIRE ESCAPE! COME ON, GANG!
BANG! BANG!

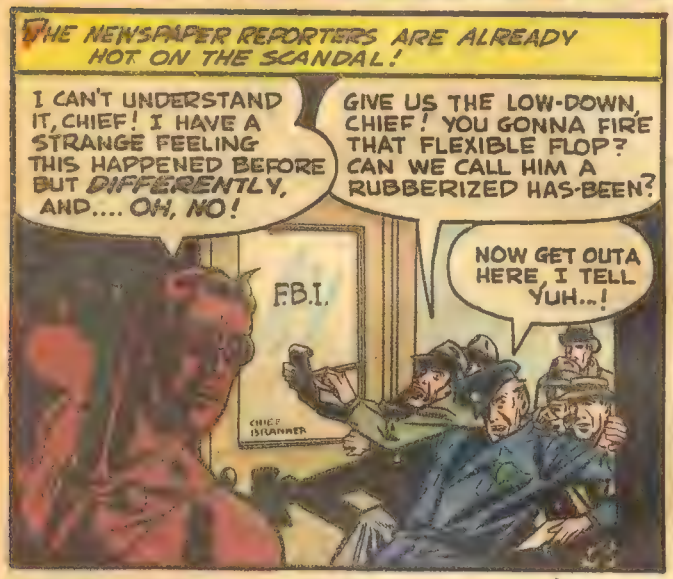
DON'T BE A CHUMP! THAT'S NO FIRE ESCAPE! THAT'S PLASTIC MAN! THE REAL FIRE ESCAPE'S OVER ON THAT SIDE!
LET'S GO! THESE BANANA PEELS WILL SLOW UP THE COPS!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS!... BUT THEY'RE NOT GETTING AW.... WOOZY! LOOK OUT!
OUR TRAP FAILED, PLAS, BUT I'LL GET THE..... OOOPS!

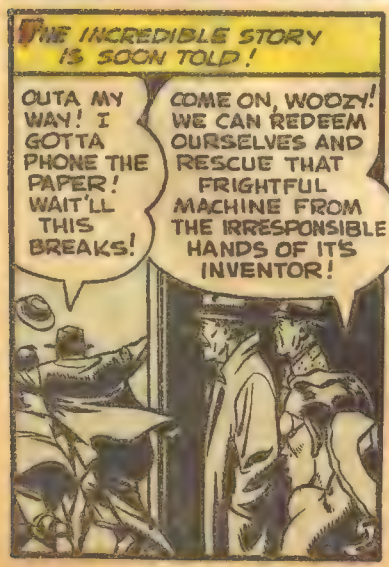
OWOOOFF!
YOU CLUMSY OAF!
YEEAAA! HAVE FUN, SUCKERS!

WHERE ARE THOSE GLOWING WORDS OF PRAISE NOW? AH, FAME.....!
THEY GOT AWAY CLEAN WITH $186,000 IN UNMARKED BILLS! YOU AND YOUR CUTE TRAPS!
YEAH! IF YOU'D LET US BRING UP TOMMY-GUNS LIKE WE WANTED TO, WE'D HAVE CUT THOSE MONKEYS DOWN IN A MINUTE! WHO YUH WORKIN' FOR, ANYHOW?


AND BACK AT F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS, AS HISTORY UNWINDS AGAIN.....
...A DISGRACE TO THE F.B.I! BLOWING UP THIS CASE WILL MAKE US THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE UNDERWORLD! AND AS FOR YOU, WOOZY....
DON'T LOOK AT ME, CHIEF! IT WASN'T MY IDEA!


THE NEWSPAPER REPORTERS ARE ALREADY HOT ON THE SCANDAL!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, CHIEF! I HAVE A STRANGE FEELING THIS HAPPENED BEFORE BUT DIFFERENTLY, AND.... OH, NO!
GIVE US THE LOW-DOWN, CHIEF! YOU GONNA FIRE THAT FLEXIBLE FLOP? CAN WE CALL HIM A RUBBERIZED HAS-BEEN?
NOW GET OUTA HERE, I TELL YUH..!
F.B.I.
CHIEF BUNNER

WAIT! WE SAW IT ALL HAPPEN! IT WASN'T PLASTIC MAN'S FAULT! A TWERP NAMED DOAP DID IT WITH A MACHINE! HE MAKES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF, ONLY DIFFERENT!
WOW! WHAT A STORY!


THE INCREDIBLE STORY IS SOON TOLD!
OUTA MY WAY! I GOTTA PHONE THE PAPER! WAIT'LL THIS BREAKS!
COME ON, WOOZY! WE CAN REDEEM OURSELVES AND RESCUE THAT FRIGHTFUL MACHINE FROM THE IRRESPONSIBLE HANDS OF ITS INVENTOR!

AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...
ALL RIGHT, DOAP! COME AWAY FROM THOSE CONTROLS! YOU'LL GET FULL CREDIT FOR YOUR INVENTION BUT CONTROL OF IT MUST....!
GET AWAY PLASTIC MAN! I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO! I WAS WATCHING!
BUT YOU'LL NEVER TAKE MY BRAIN-CHILD! I WARN YOU....!

GO BACK AND SOLVE CRIMES IN HISTORY! I'VE GOT OTHER PLANS FOR USING MY HISTORIVISION!
PUFF!
PUFF!
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A MOMENT LATER...
GRAWWK! P-PLAS, WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE ARE WE?
THAT SOAP SENT US BACK INTO HISTORY, WOOZY.... AND I THINK I RECOGNIZE THE SETTING! THIS IS FORD'S THEATRE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.!
F-FORD'S THEATRE? YOU MEAN WHERE ABRAHAM LINCOLN GOT SHOT?
EXACTLY! AND I'M AFRAID THIS IS THE FATEFUL NIGHT OF APRIL 14, 1865! SEE, THAT'S WHERE LINCOLN'S GUARD SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON DUTY!
OMIGOSH, PLAS! MAYBE WE CAN FOIL BOOTH AND SAVE LINCOLN! BUT...BUT THEY'LL HAVE TO CHANGE ALL THE HISTORY BOOKS!
SHH! HERE'S THE PEEP-HOLE THE ASSASSIN CUT TO VIEW HIS VICTIM! I CAN SEE THE BACK OF LINCOLN'S HEAD!
WAIT, PLAS! JUST THINK... WE'LL GET HISTORY ALL TANGLED UP! PEOPLE WON'T KNOW WHAT THEY LEARNED!
A HUMAN LIFE IS AT STAKE, WOOZY, AND CIRCUM-STANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL HAVE BROUGHT US HERE! WE CAN ONLY TRY TO SAVE LINCOLN!
QUIET! HIDE BEHIND THOSE DRAPERIES, WOOZY! IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR BOOTH'S APPEARANCE!
BUT, PLAS, I DON'T WANNA STAY IN HISTORY! WHO'LL BUY SODAS FOR HENRIETTA IF I'M JUST A HERO IN A STORY BOOK?
AN INSTANT LATER JOHN WILKES BOOTH APPEARS! WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW? WILL LINCOLN LIVE AND HISTORY CHANGE TO HYSTERIA? CAN ANY FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE COUNTERACT THE FRIGHTFUL IMPACT OF THAT ONE MAD ACT?
SIC SEMPER TYRRANUS! THUS EVER TO TYRANTS....!
EEK!

NO YOU DON'T, JOHN WILKES BOOTH! NOT EVEN YOUR OWN PEOPLE WILL CONDONE SUCH A HEARTLESS MURDER!
YEEAAAH! I'M SEEING THINGS!
GOT YOU, J.W.!

OOOO!
THERE, THERE, MOTHER!
SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT MR. PRESIDENT! WE'LL TURN THIS MISGUIDED RASCAL OVER TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES! ON WITH THE SHOW, SIR!

LET ME GO! I MUST AVENGE THE SOUTH, I TELL YOU!
YOU'LL FEEL DIFFERENTLY TOMORROW! THE SOUTH WANTS NO SUCH BLOODY VENGEANCE....

THEN, WITHOUT WARNING....
YIIIKE! THERE'S NOBODY HERE! I MUST BE OVERWROUGHT.. HAVING HALLUCINATIONS! I STILL HAVE MY DERRINGER AND MY KNIFE...!
PUFF!
PUFF!

I MUST NOT LET IMAGINATION THWART ME AGAIN! I CAME FOR A PURPOSE THAT WILL NOT BE DENIED!

IT IS OVER! THE AWFUL DEED IS DONE! BUT WHAT OF PLASTIC MAN AND WOOZY, DEPRIVED OF THEIR CHANCE TO AVERT TRAGEDY?
BANG!
EEEEEK!

YOU, AGAIN! YOU BROUGHT US BACK AT THE MOMENT WHEN WE COULD HAVE SPARED A GREAT MAN'S LIFE!
YOU MEAN HE DID IT WITH THAT MACHINE, PLAS? BUT WHAT FOR?
L-L-LOOK B-BEHIND YOU!

THE BOW-WOW BARKER MOB!
YEAH! WE READ IN THE PAPERS ABOUT THE MACHINE THAT SAVED OUR NECKS SO WE CAME TO SNATCH IT! POAP DOUBLECROSSED US, BRINGING YOU BACK, BUT WE'LL HANDLE IT!
THEY SAY YOU CAN'T BE KILLED BUT I NEVER BELIEVED IT!
EEEAHH! MY HISTORIVISION!
TAT TAT TATATT!
THEY SAY WE CAN'T CAPTURE YOU.... BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT!
EEEOW! DO SOMETHING, SOMEBODY! THAT CRIMSON CREEP IS ON A RAMPAGE!
FORGETFUL! QUICK! GIMME THAT SPRAYGUN FULLA RUBBER SOLVENT WE BROUGHT!
BUT WE DIDN'T BRING IT! I FORGOT IT! OWOOCH!
I'LL PUT YOU ALL OUT OF YOUR MISERY!
MY HISTORI-VISION! MY LOVELY, BEAUTIFUL HISTORIVISION... RUINED!
NEVER MIND, POAP! YOU CAN BUILD A NEW ONE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF MORE RESPONSIBLE SCIENTISTS!
BUT I CAN'T! I HIT THE SECRET BY ACCIDENT! I HAVEN'T ANY IDEA WHAT MADE IT WORK!
PERSONALLY, PLAS, I'M JUST AS GLAD!
BUT PERHAPS HISTORY CAN REPEAT ITSELF... ON A SMALL SCALE... WITHOUT THE HELP OF ANY COMPLI-CATED MACHINERY !!!
A CREDIT TO THE F.B.I., PLASTIC! TRAPPING THOSE MAD DOGS WAS A STROKE OF GENIUS!
THANKS, CHIEF! IT WAS NOTHING, REALLY!
LET'S GO, PLAS! THIS IS WHERE WE CAME IN!
F.B.I.

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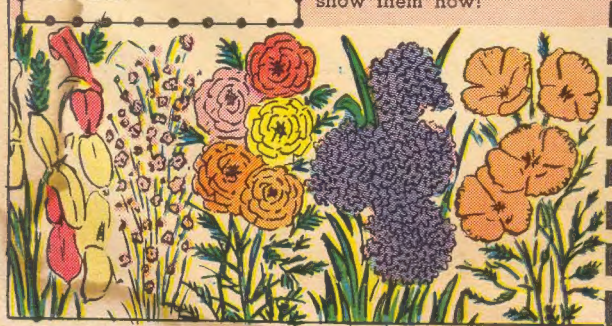

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